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STATE COUNCIL OF CIVIL DEFENSE
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Information Circular No. 44

For Immediate Release

Federal Matching Fund Regulations 1953-54

1. Pennsylvania's allocation of Federal Matching Funds for civil defense for the federal fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 is $717,192.00. The major portion of this sum will be made available for use by counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships of the Commonwealth.

2. According to recently released regulations of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, matching funds may be used for the following general purposes in the listed amounts:

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| (a) | Warning Device Systems | $358,596 |
| (b) | Health & Special Weapons | 107,579 |
| (c) | Communications | 85,649 |
| (d) | Training & Education | 35,860 |
| (e) | Rescue Services ) | 125,508 |
| (f) | Emergency Welfare ) | |

(The Federal Civil Defense Administration has not allocated any funds this year for use in the purchase of fire engines or firefighting equipment.)

3. Detailed information concerning the matching fund program is set forth in the Federal Civil Defense Administration's Manual M25-1 Revised, entitled "Federal Contributions". All county civil defense directors herewith are being furnished one (1) copy of this manual. (Continued attempts to secure additional manuals are being made and added copies will be provided when available.)

(Manual M25-1 Revised does not basically differ from Manual M25-1 except that the fire services program provisions have been deleted and purchases are now to be made under "state procurement." In other words, each political subdivision itself will be expected to purchase desired items specifically approved by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.)

4. All applications for matching funds must be:

(a) Filed on official application forms (Federal Civil Defense Administration Form 233, Parts I, II, III);

(b) Prepared in strict accordance with instructions contained in "Federal Contributions Manual M25-1 Revised"; and

(c) Submitted to the State Council of Civil Defense, through Local and County Civil Defense Directors, prior to February 10, 1954

(Special Note) The Federal Civil Defense Administration will accept applications for matching funds only from the State and its recognized political subdivisions. Each and every application must bear the signature and title of a recognized State or local government official. Incomplete or improperly prepared applications will be returned to the applicant for correction.

5. Each political subdivision filing a formal application for matching funds will receive an acknowledgment of receipt of said application when it reaches this office.

(The State Council of Civil Defense has no authority to approve or disapprove any application. The State Council merely checks the application for accuracy of preparation and forwards it to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, which alone has the power to approve, or disapprove, the request submitted.)

6. In order to facilitate the filing of applications, a representative of the State Council of Civil Defense will visit various parts of the State to furnish application forms and answer questions concerning details of the current matching fund program. The schedule of meetings is attached.

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Attachment (1)

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SPECIAL MATCHING FUND MEETINGS

Mr. Hugh H. Hoke, Administrative Assistant, State Council of Civil Defense, is in charge of all activities relative to the federal matching fund program for civil defense. Both to answer detailed questions concerning the federal program and to assist county and local officials in the preparation of formal applications for matching funds, Mr. Hoke will conduct the following "Special Matching Fund Meetings":

November 23 VFW Home, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, beginning 8:00 P.M. for the counties of Berks, Lancaster, Chester and Delaware.

November 24 Ogontz Training Center, Ogontz, Pennsylvania, beginning 8:00 P.M. for the counties of Montgomery, Philadelphia and Bucks.

November 25 Court House, Allentown, Pennsylvania, beginning 8:00 P.M. for the counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Pike and Monroe.

November 30 Court House, Warren, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Warren, Erie, Crawford, McKean, Elk, Forest, Venango and Cameron.

December 1 Court House, Butler, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Butler, Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong, Mercer, Lawrence, and Beaver.

December 2 City County Chambers, 5th Floor, City County Building, (use Grant Street entrace), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the county of Allegheny.

December 3 American Legion Home, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Cambria, Blair, Somerset, Indiana and Westmoreland.

December 4 Court House, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Franklin, Adams, York, Cumberland, Lebanon, Dauphin and Perry.

December 8 Borough Hall, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Center and Clearfield.

December 9 Court House, Washington, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Washington, Greene and Fayette.

December 10 Court House, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Potter, Clinton, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, and Montour.

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December 14 Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning 7:30 P.M. for the counties of Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Columbia, Luzerne, Schuylkill.

Initial distribution of the matching fund application forms (Federal Civil Defense Administration Form 233, Parts I, II, and III) will be made at each of the above listed meetings.

While each of the listed meetings is designed primarily to serve the counties indicated, interested individuals who cannot conveniently arrange to attend the meeting designed to cover their home community may attend any other convenient meeting.

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